IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Applicants : Todd A. Berg et al.

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For : VESSEL CUTTING DEVICES

Art Unit : 3731

Examiner : Todd E. Manahan

New York, New York 10036

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Mail Stop AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) For Extension Of Time

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of the shortened statutory period set for reply to the Office Action dated November 14, 2007, to make the date for reply March 14, 2008. The Director is hereby authorized to charge \$120.00, in payment of the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), and any additional fee that may be due in connection with this Petition and Reply, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075.